THE ADVOCATE.

Camilbalism in Australia.

You don't hear much about them, but there are cannibals in Australia today. Strange? Well, not so very when you take into consideration the character of the country. The blacks or aborigines still wear broech clouts, and when you get a short distance from civilization you will find that the majority of them wear no apparel of any description. The Australian black bears about the same relation to that country that the American savage does to this. When you get away from the cities into the brush you will find plenty of them who would kill you, and there is nothing they would relish better than to make a barbecue out of you, provided that there was no danger of being eaught.

Collectively they have the greatest fear of the white man, for they know that he punishes severely. They prefer to roast their victims. A stew they consider very good, but as a rule they lack the utensils and means of making broth. When a plump white stranger is captured and killed, the body is carefully prepared. It is then bound to a stout, green pole, which in turn is supported at either end, about two and one-half feet from the earth, by forked sticks. Between the sticks a fire is built, and when the proper number of coals are made the green pole with its choice morsel is put atop, and it is there permitted to simmer and roast until it is done to a turn, the man eaters occasionally sticking their knives into the body to test the degree of doneness.-Interview in Kansas City Times.

Four Kinds of Avalanches.

Colonel H. C. Tanner, of the Indian staff corps, has seen a great deal of the Himalayas during survey work, and distinguishes four types of avalanche among them. The first and commonest is simply the sliding of a mass of new snow on the steep slopes, and is frequent in winter or spring. The second type is a rush of old snow, detached by the heat of the sun, and it occurs in summer or autumn, when from its suddenness it is dangerous to travelers, who ought to pitch their camps out of the way. The third type occurs in mountains of peculiar formation, and is a mixture of ice and snow dislodged by the broken end of a glacler projecting over the crests of ridges or cliffs. The fourth type has only been seen by Colonel Tanner once, and seems never to have been described by other observers.

Hunting an ibex one day in an elevated valley of the Gilgit-Darel mountains he saw to his surprise what appeared to be millions of snowballs rolling down the bed of a torrent in a stream a mile and a half long. The balls were about the size of a man's head, and rolled over each other. Colonel Tanner offers no theory of their formation; but the bed of the torrent was filled with old balls, proving that other avalanches of the sort had occurred there. -London Globe.

Somebody Was Waiting.

An amusing incident recently took place in a large drapery establishment in London. Being told that everything could be bought much cheaper and better in the metropolis than in the little country town where she lived, a good looking, honest faced girl, about to be married, made the journey to town, accompanied by her lover, to do a little shopping. The magnitude of the great shop, the piles and piles of goods, the dazzling array of articles, the rows of busy assistants quite overpowered her, and she scarcely knew what to do. Her swain obstinately refused to go in, but loitered about the

The shop assistants being all busy just at the moment, the young lady was obliged to remain standing a few moments. At length a dapper fellow with gold watch and chain and flourishing mustache came bowing and smiling up to the blushing customer with "Anybody waiting on you, madam?" The color deepened in her cheeks, as she hesitated and draw a long breath, till finally, with a nod of her head toward the door, she faltered out, "Yes, sir, he is."-London Tit-

A Valued Memento of General Grant. The papers are publishing a paragraph about a New York banker still owning a cigar General Grant gave him, and he has affidavits slrowing the presentation was made at the Overlook Mountain House. This reminds us of a scene on the ferryboat at West Point one summer's day about a year after the close of the war. General Grant was on the boat in a carriage, coming over to board a southbound train on the Hudson River railroad. He was smoking the stump of a clgar. There were about 200 Eastman students on the boat.

Suddenly the general, having finished his cigar, threw it on the deck of the boat. There was a great scramble for it by the students, one from Kentucky getting it. As he put it in his vest pocket he exclaimed, "I wouldn't take \$100 for it; I'm going to take it home and have it labeled and framed." He was offered \$10 for it on the boat.-Poughkeepsie Eagle.

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